MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Labour cases were accommodated and treated in a room newly constructed for the purpose.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know when the room was newly constructed for treating labour cases?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): In 1111.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know the amount spent on that?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): I claim notice.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the member has inspected the room newly constructed for the purpose?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): No.

Marketing Officers.

154. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): With reference to the statement contained on page 20 of the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the audit and appropriation accounts of 1110 M. E. that "the duty of finding out out-side markets was also included within the scope of the Marketing Officers", will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many Marketing Officers there are in Travancore;

(*b*) how long it is since they were appointed;

(*c*) what are the new out-side markets that they have found out for the sale of our agricultural and other products; and

(*d*) what work they have done so far?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) There are two Marketing Officers in the State.

(*b*) One Marketing Officer has been in service now for 13 months and the other for 10 months.

(*c*) The Marketing Officers have so far been engaged on a survey of our present markets and marketing methods. New markets may be found out only after these surveys have been completed.

(*d*) The Marketing Officers have completed the marketing surveys of eggs, pineapples, tobacco, cattle, milk, wheat, linseed, groundnuts and grapes. The surveys of rice, bananas, cocoanuts, coffee, hides and skins, sheep and goats, ghee and butter, and wool and hair are in progress.

Marketing Officers in Travancore.

155. *MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when a Marketing Officer was appointed in Travancore;

(*b*) his salary and scale;

(*c*) the amount so far expended for his establishment, if any;

(*d*) the amount so far expended for his tours, if he has undertaken any; and

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(*e*) what he has done for improving the market conditions of Travancore products ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) :

(*a*) There are two Marketing Officers in the State, one for Live-stock, who assumed charge on 4th October 1935, and the other for Crops, who took charge on 6th February 1936.

(*b*) Both the Marketing Officers draw a salary of Rs. 150 each in the scale of Rs. 100-10/2-150.

(*c*) Up to the end of Karkadakam 1111, the establishment of the Marketing Officers has cost Rs. 531.

(*d*) The amount expended for their tours till the end of Karkadakam 1111 is Rs. 1108.

(*e*) The Marketing Officers in the State who are working under the technical advice and guidance of the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India have so far been concentrating their attention on surveys of existing marketing conditions in this State with respect to particular commodities of All-India importance. These surveys will form the basis for the intelligent planning of future development and are an essential preliminary to effecting any improvement in market conditions.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question may I know, when these Officers were appointed ? Can the member give the exact date ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : These Officers have a service of 13 and 10 months respectively. The exact dates have been furnished in answer to part (*a*).

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether the Officers draw a sanctioned pay of Rs. 150 per mensem ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : Yes.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know the reason why they were given the maximum to start with ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know the qualifications of the Marketing Officers ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : They are graduates in agriculture. They have also had post graduates training in Marketing methods.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Have they found out any new market ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : They are on the way to find out markets, because, they are now making a preliminary survey in regard to the different commodities, which is the first essential step to find out markets.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Is the preliminary survey over ?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): It is under progress.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): How long will it take to complete the survey?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Our Marketing Officers are working in collaboration with the Government of India. The All-India Marketing survey is to continue for a period of five years.

The Marketing Officers.

156. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Marketing Officers have submitted their reports; and

(*b*) if so, whether they are available to the public?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*):

(*a*) The Marketing Officers have submitted reports on the marketing surveys of the following commodities:—

Linseed, groundnut, grapes, eggs, pineapples, wheat, tobacco, cattle and milk.

(*b*) The reports are not available to the public at this stage.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): In regard to part (*a*) of the answer may I know when the reports will be published?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Our report will be co-ordinated with that of the Government of India on the subject and when all the local reports become available, it will be published.

Shertala District Hospital.

157. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of patients treated in the Shertala District Hospital in 1111 and the number of patients treated in the month of Chingam and Kanni 1112;

(*b*) the number of nurses in the hospital;

(*c*) the number of beds provided for the in-patients in the hospital;

(*d*) the distance between the hospital, the First Class Magistrate's Court and the English School; and

(*e*) whether there is any compound wall for the Shertala Hospital?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) Number treated in 1111—32,371.

Number treated during the first two months in 1112—10,835.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) Thirty.

(*d*) The First Class Magistrate's Court is only a few feet away from the hospital. The English High School premises abut the road in front of the hospital premises.

(*e*) No.

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